

## SENATE RESOLUTION 22

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dorothy Claybrook of Gibson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy Claybrook; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Claybrook was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claybrook is best known in her area as a former teacher and principal for the now-defunct Gibson County Public School System and as a county election commissioner and volunteer with the county Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claybrook held a Bachelor's degree in English and Social Sciences from Lane College, studied English at Fisk University and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and held a Master's degree in Education in Educational Administration and Supervision from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the Department of Education, Mrs. Claybrook served as a Director of Head Start and Supervisor of Instruction in Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, education was only one of Mrs. Claybrook's true passions; the other was politics; and

WHEREAS, a staunch member of the county Democratic Party, with whom she had worked for at least twenty-five years, Dorothy Claybrook actively volunteered, brought new members to meetings, and put up campaign signs for candidates; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claybrook also devoted her time and talents to many worthwhile community activities, such as the annual Ancestors Day Emancipation Jubilee program, for which she served as Chair in the seven years preceding her death, and the AARP, for which

she had served as Assistant State Director and at a convention where she met Bill Clinton in 1992; and

WHEREAS, among Mrs. Claybrook's many accolades were being crowned Miss Lane College her senior year, appearing in the 1973 edition of *Personalities of the South*, and receiving Tennessee's Outstanding Achievement Award from Governor Ned Ray McWherter in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claybrook was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Claybrook enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, J.W., who preceded her in death; also among her beloved departed are her parents, James and Anna Andrews; two brothers, J.D. and Finis Andrews; two sisters, Lena Ewell and Pearl Nuckols; one niece, Joyce Bridges; and one nephew, David Andrews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Claybrook is survived by two sisters, Lillie Bradford and Esther Payne; one brother and his wife, Cottrell and Rebecca Andrews; a sister-in-law, Mildred Andrews; and a host of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, those who knew her best describe Mrs. Claybrook as well-rounded, versatile, likeable, and as a hard-worker and a Christian; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Claybrook leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dorothy Claybrook, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Claybrook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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